



## **Professor Pierre LASSERRE**

Pierre Lasserre, a well known specialist in marine ecology, biodiversity and sustainable development, is professor at the University Pierre and Marie Curie (Paris VI), France. PhD (1967, University of Bordeaux I) and Dr ès-Sciences Naturelles (1977), he was visiting professor in numerous universities and research centres in Europe, USA, Latin America, China, Africa, Southeast Asia. From 1982 to 1993, he was the Director of the Station Biologique de Roscoff (Brittany, France), one of the leading marine research centres in Europe. He has conducted comprehensive research projects in coastal environments along the Atlantic coast and the Mediterranean, North and West Africa, Mexico and Venezuela, the Kerguelen islands and the East China Sea. He convened and contributed to several meetings on coastal lagoons and wetlands in Europe, North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa. In the early 1990's, he coordinated an international UNESCO-Italy project on the Venice Lagoon Ecosystem.

Dr Pierre Lasserre is author of more than 100 articles and several books, e.g. "The Coastal Lagoons" (Gauthier-Villars); "Biogeochemical Processes at the Land-Sea Boundary" (Elsevier), "The Venice Lagoon Ecosystem" (Parthenon Press), "Lagoons and Coastal Wetlands in the Global Change Context" (UNESCO-IOC), "Reconstruction of Scientific Cooperation in South East Europe" (UNESCO-ROSTE). He acted as science advisor of several TV movies and edited, for UNESCO, successful series of educational wall charts and CD-ROM on biodiversity research and conservation.

Professor Lasserre has fulfilled a number of national and international duties and responsibilities, including the launching of DIVERSITAS Programme. He is founder member of the European MARS network, and evaluator expert for the European Commission.

On secondment at UNESCO (1993 to 2003) he served, successively, as the Director of Ecological Sciences Division and Secretary of the MAB Programme, and as the Director of the UNESCO's Regional Office for Science in Europe (ROSTE) in Venice. He acted as Secretary-General in the organization of the UNESCO Seville Conference on the World Network of Biosphere Reserves, a landmark in the MAB Programme (1995). He has coordinated the UNESCO-Academia Europaea initiative (1999-2003) on the reconstruction of scientific cooperation in South East Europe (Balkans).

Awards: price of the Académie des Sciences et Belles Lettres (Bordeaux, 1967); medal Marin Drinov of the Academy of Sciences of Bulgaria (2001), Honorary MARS Fellow (2006), member of the Academia Europaea (1989).